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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICATION OF)
JOACHIM RUDOLPH ET AL) GROUP NO.: 1626
SERIAL NUMBER: 10/029,642) EXAMINER: LAURA STOCKTON
FILED: DECEMBER 18, 2001)
TITLE: CONDENSATION REAGENTS)
AND A PROCESS FOR THEIR)
PREPARATION)

RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action subjecting the claims to a restriction requirement under 35 USC 121, Applicants hereby elect Group I (Claims 1-5, 8, 9 and 11) wherein the compound of Example 1, at page 17, having the structural formula specified therein is designated as the species. A separate Petition for Extension of Time is being submitted simultaneously herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

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